

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 & 103

In the Office Action dated October 27, 2003, claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,202,211, issued to Williams, Jr. (hereafter referred to as “the ‘211 Patent”). Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the ‘211 Patent.

Applicants submit new claims 27 – 46. In general, the claimed invention recites a plurality of media devices coupled to a network. The media devices provide one or more services. A first media device on the network transmits a digital content file to a second media device. The digital content file is processed at the second media device, and the processed signals are presented so as to play the digital content file at the second media device. Applicants respectfully contend that the cited references, either alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest a system that transmits, from a first media device to a second media device, a digital content file over a network for processing and presentation at the second media device.

The '211 Patent discloses a PC server that provides television signals to a number of viewing systems (televisions) on a network. The television signals are processed (*i.e.*, demodulated) for distribution to the televisions. As such, the '211 Patent does not disclose or teach a system that transmits digital content for processing at a second media device. Instead, the PC server processes the TV signals, and the client system only presents or displays the signals.

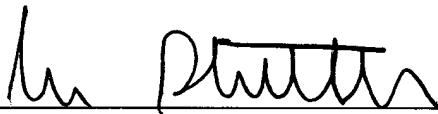
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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